

# Northern Snakehead

## Distinguishing Features

Long dorsal fin • small head • large mouth • big teeth  
length up to 40 inches • weight up to 15 pounds

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS FISH?



Northern snakehead. (USGS)

The northern snakehead from China is not native to Maryland waters and could cause serious problems if introduced into our ecosystem.

If you come across this fish,  
**PLEASE DO NOT RELEASE.**

Please KILL this fish by cutting/bleeding or freezing  
and REPORT all catches to  
Maryland Department of Natural Resources,  
Fisheries Service. Thank you.

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